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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Brzezinski's Trip to China -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

The following is a checklist of issues to be covered in discussion with the President on ZB's trip to China as well as recommended positions to take on the issues.

ISSUES THAT REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Cyrus Vance

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Zbigniew Brzezinski

Subject: Normalizing US-China Relations

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NORMALIZATION TERMS

To establish diplomatic relations with Peking, we will have to close down our official representation on Taiwan, terminate the US-ROC Mutual Defense Treaty, and withdraw our remaining military personnel and installations

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BASIC SCENARIO

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-- make a unilateral statement indicating [the importance of]
] a peaceful settlement of the
Taiwan question by the Chinese themselves [

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-- issue a joint communique establishing diplo-
matic relations, in which we would recognize the PRC as
the sole legal government of China;

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Supplemental Measures

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Decision Points

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Timing Factors

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Obviously, the SALT talks should continue to move forward at their own pace.

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Positive Climate with China
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In addition, by expanding both official and unofficial contacts with the United States, resuming grain purchases for the first time since 1974, responding to our overtures on long-standing cases involving American relatives and citizens in China, and adopting a more accommodating attitude toward our mission in Peking, the Chinese have helped create the most positive climate in US-PRC relations since the establish-

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ment of Liaison Offices in 1973.

Relevance to our Asian Policy

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CONCLUSION:

It would be useful to have your guidance prior to Zbig's trip to Peking so that he could signal the Chinese the direction in which we are likely to

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